



Resident Scholar Program

Special Collections & Archives Research Center

Oregon State University Libraries

The Resident Scholar Program, sponsored by Oregon State University Libraries Special Collections & Archives Research Center (SCARC) and supported by the Friends of OSU Libraries Fund, awards research stipends of \$2,500 per month for up to three months. Stipends are awarded to individuals who can make substantial use of the materials held in the OSU Libraries Special Collections & Archives Research Center. Historians, librarians, doctoral or post-doctoral students and independent scholars are welcome to apply. Scholars must work in residence at the OSU Valley Library during the award period.

The Special Collections & Archives Research Center consists of over 1,000 collections that have been gathered in accordance with four collection development themes: the history of science and technology in the twentieth century, the history of Oregon State University, natural resources in the Pacific Northwest, and multiculturalism in Oregon. Cornerstone collections include the [Ava Helen and Linus Pauling Papers](#), the [Gerald W. Williams Collection](#) and the [Urban League of Portland Records](#). Full lists of the Center's collections are available at the following two locations:

<http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/specialcollections/coll/index.html>

<http://archives.library.oregonstate.edu/collections>

For 2012, proposals that focus on using the history of science and technology collections will receive highest consideration, though proposals can address use of any of the SCARC collections.

Eligibility:

Ph.D. or equivalent; independent scholar; doctoral candidate at the dissertation stage.

Length of Grant:

One to three months

Amount of Grant:

\$2,500 per month; 3 months maximum

Deadline for Application:

April 30, 2012 postmark.

Application Procedure:

(1) Send a **one-page** cover sheet with name, address (including email, phone and fax numbers), present status and institution, title of project, and list of financial support you anticipate receiving for this project.

(2) Send a **one-page** description of your project. Indicate when and how you plan to utilize any requested grant support as well as specific aspects of the collection(s) that you plan to consult.

(3) Send a **one-page** curriculum vitae of your research, writing, and/or teaching, as well as reference contacts.

Notification:

Applicants will be notified on or before **May 18, 2012**.



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Corvallis, Oregon 97331-4501
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Applications should be sent to:

OSU Special Collections & Archives Research Center
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121 The Valley Library
Corvallis, OR 97331-4501.
Telephone: 541.737.2075 / Fax: 541.737.8674
Email: special.collections@oregonstate.edu

It is fine to submit applications as email attachments.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICATION

Applicants must be cultivating serious scholarly interests that relate to one or more of the Special Collections & Archives Research Center's four collecting foci: the history of science and technology in the twentieth century, the history of Oregon State University, natural resources in the Pacific Northwest, and/or multiculturalism in Oregon. The selection of grant recipients will be based upon:

- demonstrable need to consult specific SCARC holdings, especially history of science and technology collections (Applications must include a description of materials within the collection(s) that will be utilized)
- evidence of the applicant's ability to conduct the proposed research (as outlined in reviews of previous work, publication record, references, etc.)
- the quality of the proposal (importance or originality of topic, sophistication of approach, feasibility of research objectives and relevance to the collection, etc.)

SELECTION

Proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee, the membership of which will be drawn from the OSU Libraries. The committee will rank and recommend candidates to the Director of the Special Collections & Archives Research Center, who will make the final selections.

AWARD

Each award will be issued, as appropriate, for a period of one to three months. Award stipends of \$2,500 per month can be used for any purpose. No additional allowances beyond the maximum award of \$2,500 per month for three months will be available. OSU Libraries will provide appropriate study space and equipment necessary for scholarly work. Resident scholars will be provided access to OSU Libraries' general collections and will be granted borrowing privileges for non-SCARC materials. Access to online databases and interlibrary loan services will be provided.

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CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In submitting an application for the program, the applicant does not incur an obligation to accept the award if selected. Scholars are expected:

- to work in residence at the OSU Libraries on a full-time basis during their award tenure;
- to devote full-time effort to the research proposed;
- to draft a brief written report (800 – 1,000 words) describing their experiences and their results, to be submitted no later than thirty days following the award period;
- to prepare and deliver to the OSU community a 45-minute presentation detailing the results of their research;
- to include appropriate credit to the OSU Libraries Special Collections & Archives Research Center in any presentation or publication based on research performed during the award tenure.

The residence may begin at any time after May 18, 2012 and should be completed by December 31, 2012.

VISAS

Upon request, the OSU Libraries will arrange for appropriate visa documents for foreign nationals. Normally, visas arranged by the OSU Libraries will grant a scholar the status of “Foreign Exchange Visitor” (J-visa, or F-visa for students). A spouse and minor children may travel on the same visa as the scholar. OSU Libraries encourages foreign scholars to apply for the J-1 visa as per the standard procedures for visiting research scholars visiting the United States. OSU Libraries does not encourage scholars to apply for B or H visas.

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